Enquiry into collection of excess commission in market.

355. Mr.P.Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they conducted any inquiry into the allegation of collection of excess commission contained in para 5 of the first petition mentioned in appendix I at page 1034 of Vol. III, Part 12, 3rd series, Council Proceedings ;

(b) if so, who conducted the inquiry and when ;

(c) what was the result of the enquiry ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No enquiry was conducted with special reference to para 5 of the petition in question, but the Sanitary Inspector, Northern Division, has been visiting the market and checking the rates of collection both before and after the date of the petition and has not come across any instance of excess collection nor any complaint received from vendors regarding it.

(b) and (c) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (a) above.

Extension of the Trichur-Shoranur Road to connect Machad Road.

356. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether the first section of the road from 11/7 of the Trichur-Shoranur road is completed;

(b) if not, what is the delay due to ;

(c) has the 2nd section of the said road to connect it with the road to Machad been taken up ;

(d) has the Government any idea to continue the said road from Machad to Thankudam ;

(e) how far is the terminus of the Machad road from the terminus of the Thankudam road ;

(f) will not this linking open up Machad, the paddy granary of Talappalli ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) The construction of a railway level crossing and the non-completion of a portion of land acquisition.

(c) No.

(d) This will be considered.

(e) About 5 miles. But the line has not been surveyed.

(f) It would increase the transportation facility of Machad and surrounding places.

Qualifications for appointments as Overseers in Municipalities and granting of exemptions.

357. Mr. A. Kachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(1) what are the qualifications prescribed by the Government to be an Overseer in a Municipality;

(2) what are the qualifications of those employed as Overseers in the several Municipalities of the State;

(3) have any of them been exempted from possessing those qualifications;

(4) why was the Overseer of the Chittur Municipality not been exempted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Examinations prescribed for Upper or Lower subordinates and Survey classes in the College of Engineering, Madras, or any other Indian college or school and P. W. D. tests.

(2) *Ernakulam Municipality.*

The Overseer of this Municipality has studied as far as the Matriculation standard of the Madras University and appeared for the above examination.

He has completed a 3 years' course in the Engineering Institute at Trichinopoly and passed the following subjects in Engineering of the Madras Government Technical Examinations.

(a) Building materials and construction.
(b) Hydraulics and Irrigation works.
(c) Geometrical drawing.
(d) Building drawing and estimating.
(e) Surveying and levelling.
(f) Carpentry.
(g) Earth work and road making.
and (h) Mensuration.

Trichur Municipality.

He is a lower subordinate of the Engineering School, Bangalore.

Mattancheri Municipality.

The Overseer attached to this Council has passed the Sub-Overseer test in the Edward Technical Institute, Trichinopoly and the following subjects in the Government Technical Examination.

(1) Building materials and construction, elementary and intermediate grade.
(2) Mensuration (elementary grade.)
(3) Earth work and road making (elementary grade)
(4) Geometrical drawing (elementary grade).
(5) Free-hand and outline drawing (elementary).
(6) Surveying and levelling (intermediate).

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Chittur Municipality.

He has passed the Lower subordinate and Survey classes in the Rao Bahadur Arcot Narayanaswami Mudaliyar's School, Bangalore.

(3) No.

(4) Because no special reasons existed to grant the exemption.

Condition of the road branching to Pazhambalacode from the Tiruvillwamala—Pazhayannur Road.

358. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—(1) whether they are aware of the present condition of the road branching to Pazhambalacode from the road from Tiruvillwamala to Pazhayannur;

(2) when was it last repaired?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) The road became badly cut up during the last rainy season on account of the heavy traffic from British territory.

(2) Repairs are being done every year with maintenance allotment which is only Rs. 362 at Rs. 200 per mile. In Kanni last rut filling was also done with jungle cobbles.

Budgetted amounts and tender deductions for contract works given by the P. W. and Panchayat Departments.

359. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to give the following particulars with regard to the works given on contract by the P. W. D. and the Panchayat Department in this year:—(a) the amount budgetted (b) the amount of tender reductions (c) the amount of tender reductions spent on the same works (d) the amount of tender reductions spent on other works?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) Details are shown in the D. P. W. and Panchayat Budgets.

(b) to (d) Since the works are only in progress definite information on these points is not available.

Handling of Quran in offices.

360. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state all the Government offices where Quran is to be handled and where there are no Muslim hands for the same?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In no office is Quran handled.

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